



United States Department of Agriculture
Risk Management Agency



2005 Aflatoxin Fact Sheet

Missouri

Weather conditions this year have made the mold, aflatoxin, a threat to this year's corn crop. The impact of high levels of aflatoxin on producers vary from a discount in price to the requirement to destroy the grain. Aflatoxin losses are an insurable cause of loss as long as the samples of the grain are obtained by the loss adjuster for aflatoxin testing before being moved into commercial or on-farm storage or the insured has arranged with the insurance provider to leave representative areas of unharvested crop from which the adjuster can obtain samples for aflatoxin testing. Therefore, insureds should notify their insurance agent if their grain is suspected of containing aflatoxin before harvesting and/or placing harvested grain in storage. Because mold can worsen in storage, losses attributed to farm storage or that cannot be determined because proper testing was not completed prior to storage are not covered under the crop insurance policy.

The following list is a sample of the facilities in Missouri. This is not a complete list and should only serve as a guide to help in researching testing facility locations.

Kansas City, MO-MO Dept of Ag
716 North Olive
Kansas City, MO 64120
Telephone: (816) 241-0260 or 0265

Marshall, MO-MO Dept of Ag
615 Cherokee, Suite 4B
Marshall, MO 65340
Telephone: (660) 886-5549

New Madrid, MO-MO Dept of Ag
718 US Hwy 61
New Madrid, MO 63869
Telephone: (573) 748-5526 or 5890

Ladsonia, MO-MO Dept of Ag
PO Box 8, 104 S. Pine
Ladsonia, MO 63352-0008
Telephone: (573) 373-2305

St. Joseph, MO - MO Dept of Ag
521 W. Florence Road
St. Joseph, MO 64504
Telephone: (816) 238-5658

Testing facilities not listed above, that meet all of the criteria below can be considered "Approved Testing Facilities".

1. The Facility must be able to perform quantitative tests on grain, itemizing results in parts per million (ppm) and parts per billion (ppb). Test kits used must be certified by FGIS.
2. The Facility must be a recognized commercial, government, or university testing lab that uses industry recognized sample sizes, equipment, and procedures for testing aflatoxin.
3. The facility must be a disinterested testing facility unless RMA issues a written authorization to waive this requirement.